

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Helen Hoosman, who passed away on February 18, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoosman was the third daughter born to
6 Willie and Virginia Andrews on February 18, 1932, in Scooba,
7 Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoosman attended Blues Chapel Episcopal
9 Church and the local elementary school in Scooba,
10 Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1944, Mrs. Hoosman moved to East St. Louis,
12 Illinois to live with her sister, Lottie Foster; she enrolled
13 in East St. Louis Senior High School, where she graduated in
14 1951; in addition, she became a member of the Wesley Bethel
15 United Methodist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoosman worked as a housekeeper in
17 Belleville before being hired by the East St. Louis School
18 District 189 food service department; during her 26 years of
19 service, she worked as a cook, head cook, coordinator, and as
20 an assistant director of food service; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the years Mrs. Hoosman was involved in
22 local politics; she served as an election judge, participated
23 in committees for political affairs, and campaigned for
24 numerous candidates; in 1995, she received the first Unsung
25 Hero/Heroine award from the East St. Louis Dr. Martin Luther
26 King Jr. Drum Major awards program; she was a Top Ladies of
27 Distinction Extraordinary Mother and Orchid to Role Model
28 award recipient; she was a Crusader Mother-of-the-Year and
29 honored by the East St. Louis Home Study Club and the
30 National Council of Negro Women; she also received the Wesley
31 Bethel United Methodist Church "Did You Know You Are My

1 Hero?" award for appreciation for the work she has done for
2 her church ministries; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoosman found her greatest joy in taking
4 care of her family and friends; she will be remembered for
5 the warmth of her home, where no one was a stranger and for
6 her love of music and conversation; and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of Helen Hoosman will be deeply felt
8 by all who knew and loved her, especially her daughters,
9 Dorene C. Hoosman, Anita McDonald, Lee Ola Johnson, and
10 Gwendolyn Jones; her son, Hubert N. Hoosman, Jr.; her
11 sons-in-law, Charles McDonald, Sr., Alan F. Johnson, Kyle
12 Jones, Phillip Blandon, and Kenneth Anthony; her
13 grandchildren, Charles McDonald II, Steven Blandon, Camille
14 Hoosman, Daniel Anthony, Justin Jones, and Hubert Hoosman
15 III; her great-grandchildren, Ava Renee Hoosman, Christian
16 McDonald, and Jordan McDonald; her 6 stepchildren; her 21
17 step-grandchildren; her aunt, Alice Backstrom; her uncle,
18 Charlie Malone; and her many other relatives and friends; she
19 was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Hubert Hoosman,
20 Sr. and her daughter, Ava Anthony Blandon; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
23 all who knew her, the death of Helen Hoosman of East St.
24 Louis, Illinois; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to the family of Helen Hoosman with our sincere
27 condolences.